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FOR UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OIL NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 269340

1. AT PATOLICHEV'S REQUEST FIRST DEP MIN KUZMIN ASKED ME TO BRING OIL AGREEMENT PROPOSAL TO HIM. DURING MEETING LATE THIS AFTER-NOON HE ACCEPTED COPIES, NOTING THAT MFT WILL TRANSLATE AND EVALUATE THEM MONDAY.
 2. AFTER I CONVEYED WASHINGTON CONCERN ABOUT DELAY IN BEGINNING NEGOTIATIONS AND EXPLAINED THAT ANNEXES MENTIONED IN DRAFT AGREEMENT ARE BEING WORKED ON, KUZMIN REPEATED EARLIER ASSURANCES THAT SOVIETS WILL LOOK OVER DRAFT AND RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
 3. KUZMIN COMMENTED THAT PATOLICHEV'S SCHEDULE THIS MONTH HAD SO FAR PREVENTED MFT FROM ACHIEVING DECISION BY "GOVERNMENT" (I.E., ABOVE MINISTRY LEVEL) ON US PROPOSAL TO BEGIN TALKS VERY SHORTLY. HE SAID PATOLICHEV HAD NOT YET TAKEN ISSUE UP WITH "GOVERNMENT" BUT EMPHASIZED THAT HE APPRECIATED OUR SENSE OF URGENCY AND THAT MFT WILL BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH ME IMMEDIATELY AFTER SOVIETS HAVE TAKEN DECISION ON TIMING AND VENUE OF NEGOTIATIONS.
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